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Original Oil by G. Harvey (1933 –)

Born in 1933 in the Texas hill country of San Antonio, G. Harvey lived the history of the Texas cowboy in stories and legends told by his father. In his childhood years, he attempted to capture the land and its history with many drawings. After graduating cum laude from North Texas State University, Harvey taught at the University of Texas for a brief period. He could not give up the stories and images that filled his head, so he spent his evenings and weekends painting them. Soon, he gave up teaching to become a full-time artist. He and his wife expected the "starving artist" scene. However, when he entered his first major show with the American Artists Professional League Grand National Exhibition in New York in 1965, he won the New Masters Award. His world of history, color, and art have since brought him international fame.

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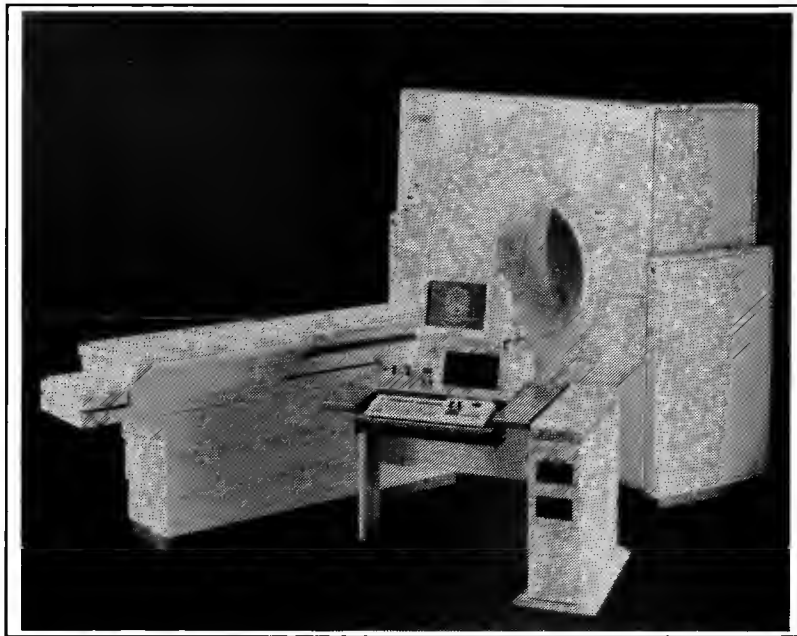
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(Patients count, but not the family)
Did we document in ten –
Cover all, but not too ramblly?

Did our care fit in the package
Neatly done in proper days?
Did we meet the DRG's,
Or request too many rays?

Did we put the right U-Pin –
Or was that the ATM's,
Or perhaps the keyless entry
Or Ms. Tilley's ten BM's?

We can't add to the hours
That most of us have worked.
We can't shortchange the patient,
Obligations can't be shirked.

What happened to the days –
"See, evaluate and treat"?
Recommending what was best
Instead of "What delete?"

Perhaps a juggler's course
To spiffy up our skills –
To give the best of care
Without the helpful frills.

We'll need to trim our sails,
Not a one of us exempt
As we struggle with the changes...
When we gripe we gain contempt.

We chose to practice medicine –
The art or science drew us.
Though our hassle factors rise,
We must stand above the ruckus.

A patient's "Thank You, Doctor,"
Knowing we've done well,
Sharing their joys or sadness –
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Both with patients and our peers.
In meetings, share the grumbles,
For successes, join our cheers.

We'll see these blasted codes,
We'll evaluate and treat.
With our newly gained acumen,
We will overcome defeat.

We'll learn to diagnose
Which numbers meet the need.
If we feel there's been an error,
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Is to share our real concerns,
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I was amazed and amused when I got a message last year from Eleanor Pershing asking me to be a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society's Council, as I certainly could not be considered a very active member. In fact, I had never been to a Society meeting. I wondered who on the nominating committee disliked me enough to place this burden on me. It reminded me of my dad telling me how he used to get elected to the presidency of the Optimist Club; he didn't show up at the meeting to refuse it. I was equally amazed when I accepted this position.

I thought that it was time that I either "fish or cut bait." I, as most physicians, am angry, disappointed, depressed, and dismayed concerning the state of medicine in America, although, as most physicians, I had never done anything to try to correct the problems. The majority of the blame has to be placed on us. We, as a whole, have been apathetic, believing that things would always be as they were with little government control and regulation. This is not to say that there have not been a few concerned physicians who have attempted to champion our causes, but as we all know, there is strength in numbers.

Recently, we have seen two examples of physicians acting as a group to be more effective. We have persuaded the federal government at least to reconsider the regulations of office laboratories and to restructure the new Medicare regulations. Legislators received approximately 100,000 letters from physicians concerning this issue. Though the new Medicare regulations are far from perfect, the changes are certainly better than the original plans and show that we can make our elected officials respond to our concerns.

Though I do not always agree with all

the policies of the Mahoning County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Association or the American Medical Association, they certainly represent our major voice. The only way that you can be heard is to become involved. Don't just send in your dues monies; it is especially urgent that young physicians become involved, because issues decided today will affect us the most. A young physicians' group has been organized by the Mahoning County Medical Society, which is certainly an excellent way to become involved.

As Joseph DeMaitre, an eighteenth-century French aristocrat, said, "Every country has the government it deserves." And if we, as physicians, do not become more involved, we will also have the government, with all the regulations, that we deserve. □

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Axid was not mutagenic in a battery of tests performed to evaluate its potential genetic toxicity, including bacterial mutation tests, unscheduled DNA synthesis,

sister chromatid exchange, mouse lymphoma assay, chromosome aberration tests, and a micronucleus test.

In a 2-generation, perinatal and postnatal fertility study in rats, doses of nizatidine up to 650 mg/kg/day produced no adverse effects on the reproductive performance of parental animals or their progeny.

Pregnancy—Teratogenic Effects—Pregnancy Category C—Oral reproduction studies in rats at doses up to 300 times the human dose and in Dutch Belted rabbits at doses up to 55 times the human dose revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or teratogenic effect; but, at a dose equivalent to 300 times the human dose, treated rabbits had abortions, decreased number of live fetuses, and depressed fetal weights. On intravenous administration to pregnant New Zealand White rabbits, nizatidine at 20 mg/kg produced cardiac enlargement, coarctation of the aortic arch, and cutaneous edema in 1 fetus, and at 50 mg/kg, it produced ventricular anomaly, distended abdomen, spina bifida, hydrocephaly, and enlarged heart in 1 fetus. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. It is also not known whether nizatidine can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Nizatidine should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nursing Mothers—Studies in lactating women have shown that 0.1% of an oral dose is secreted in human milk in proportion to plasma concentrations. Because of growth depression in pups reared by treated lactating rats, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

Pediatric Use—Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established.

Use in Elderly Patients—Healing rates in elderly patients were similar to those in younger age groups as were the rates of adverse events and laboratory test abnormalities. Age alone may not be an important factor in the disposition of nizatidine. Elderly patients may have reduced renal function.

Adverse Reactions: Worldwide, controlled clinical trials included over 6,000 patients given nizatidine in studies of varying durations. Placebo-controlled trials in the United States and Canada included over 2,600 patients given nizatidine and over 1,700 given placebo. Among the adverse events in these placebo-controlled trials, only anemia (0.2% vs 0%) and urticaria (0.5% vs 0.1%) were significantly more common in the nizatidine group. Of the adverse events that occurred at a frequency of 1% or more, there was no statistically significant difference between Axid and placebo in the incidence of any of these events (see package insert for complete information).

A variety of less common events were also reported; it was not possible to determine whether these were caused by nizatidine.

Hepatic—Hepatocellular injury (elevated liver enzyme tests or alkaline phosphatase) possibly or probably related to nizatidine occurred in some patients. In some cases, there was marked elevation (>500 IU/L) in SGOT or SGPT and, in a single instance, SGPT was $>2,000$ IU/L. The incidence of elevated liver enzymes overall and elevations of up to 3 times the upper limit of normal, however, did not significantly differ from that in placebo patients. All abnormalities were reversible after discontinuation of Axid. Since marked cholestasis and jaundice have been reported. Rare cases of cholestatic or mixed hepatocellular and cholestatic injury with jaundice have been reported with reversal of the abnormalities after discontinuation of Axid.

Cardiovascular—In clinical pharmacology studies, short episodes of asymptomatic ventricular tachycardia occurred in 2 individuals administered Axid and in 3 untreated subjects.

CNS—Rare cases of reversible mental confusion have been reported.

Endocrine—Clinical pharmacology studies and controlled clinical trials showed no evidence of antiandrogenic activity due to nizatidine. Impotence and decreased libido were reported with similar frequency by patients on nizatidine and those on placebo. Gynecomastia has been reported rarely.

Hematologic—Anemia was reported significantly more frequently in nizatidine than in placebo-treated patients. Fatal thrombocytopenia was reported in a patient treated with nizatidine and another H_2 -receptor antagonist. This patient had previously experienced thrombocytopenia while taking other drugs. Rare cases of thrombocytopenic purpura have been reported.

Integumental—Urticaria was reported significantly more frequently in nizatidine than in placebo-treated patients. Rash and exfoliative dermatitis were also reported.

Hypersensitivity—As with other H_2 -receptor antagonists, rare cases of anaphylaxis following nizatidine administration have been reported. Rare episodes of hypersensitivity reactions (eg, bronchospasm, laryngeal edema, rash, and conjunctivitis) have been reported.

Other—Hypernatremia, unassociated with gout or nephrolithiasis was reported. Eosinophilia, fever, and nausea related to nizatidine have been reported.

Overdosage: Overdoses of Axid have been reported rarely. If overdosage occurs, activated charcoal, emesis, or lavage should be considered along with clinical monitoring and supportive therapy. The ability of hemodialysis to remove nizatidine from the body has not been conclusively demonstrated; however, due to its large volume of distribution, nizatidine is not expected to be efficiently removed from the body by this method.

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Our Creator, in His infinite wisdom, has called home one of our beloved friends and colleagues, Dr. Charles W. Stertzbach, who passed away on November 13, 1991, at the age of 76.

Dr. Stertzbach was born June 19, 1915, in Canton, Ohio. He came to Youngstown in 1947 where he practiced medicine for more than three decades before moving to La Mesa, California, in 1986.

Dr. Stertzbach received his B.A. degree at Ohio University in 1937. He earned his M.D. degree at the School of Medicine at Western Reserve University in 1941. He then served a one year internship at St. Luke's Methodist Hospital in Cleveland.

The United States was involved in World War II when Dr. Stertzbach finished his internship, so he joined the navy. During his stint in the navy, he furthered his education in ophthalmology and qualified as a flight surgeon. Upon his discharge after the war, he had earned the rank of commander.

Dr. Stertzbach returned to Cleveland for a one year residency in ophthalmology at University Hospital. In 1947, he came to

Youngstown as an associate of the late Dr. Elmar Wenaas. During that period, he continued his education by assisting Dr. Wenaas in surgery. Dr. Stertzbach later opened an office on Market Street. A staff member of the Youngstown Hospital for 33 years, he retired from practice in 1980 due to health reasons.

Dr. Stertzbach served the Mahoning County Medical Society in many capacities. A past president of the Society, he also served for many years on Council and as a delegate to the Ohio State Medical Association. Dr. Stertzbach was also a member of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

In addition to his contributions to the Medical Society and to his country during World War II, Dr. Stertzbach was active in the community. He was a spirited member of the Poland Presbyterian Church. Dr. Stertzbach served his country, his colleagues, and his fellow man faithfully.

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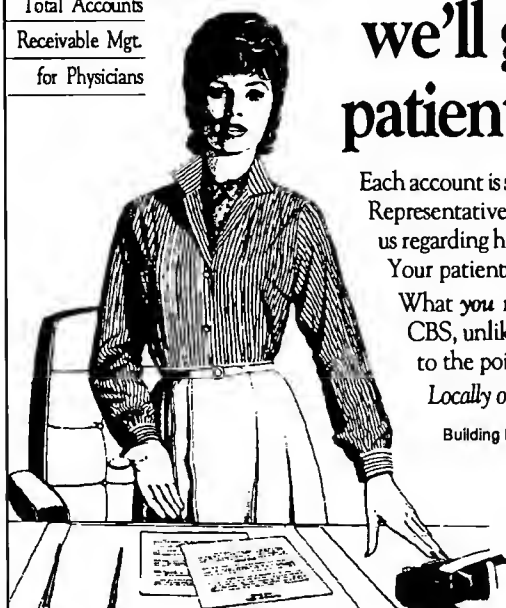
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Annual Meeting

Dr. Svenson Voted President-elect

MCMS elected new officers and presented several awards at the Society's Annual Meeting held Tuesday, December 17, 1991, at the Youngstown Club. Radiation Oncologist Dr. Eric Svenson was elected to the post of president-elect. A special guest in attendance was Dr. Robert Reed, our sixth district councilor. Dr. Reed gave a report on OSMA activities and participated in the awards program. Pianist Paul Rossi provided musical selections for the evening program.

The following candidates were elected for 1992:

President-elect: Dr. Eric Svenson

Secretary: Dr. Douglas Goldsmith

Delegate: Dr. Hai Shiuh Wang

Alternate Delegates:

Dr. Denise Bobovnyik Dr. Anand Garg
Dr. Prabhudas Lakhani

Council Members-at-Large:

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Following the election, Dr. Gabe DeCicco introduced the recipients of the *OSMA 50 Years in Medicine* award. Dr. Robert Reed presented awards to family practitioner Dr. Kenneth Emerson Camp and to internist Dr. Elmore R. McNeal. Recipients unable to attend were urologist Dr. David E. Beynon and proctologist Dr. Arthur Friedman. Ophthalmologist Dr. C.W. Stertzbach was honored posthumously.

An application for emeritus membership was presented for Dr. Simon Chiasson. The following resident members were accepted: Drs. Tharwat Hanna, Razan Alkoury, Afaf Mansour, Lateef Abumoussa, and Rizk Saqr.

The Young Physicians Committee announced that in cooperation with the Easter Seal Society and WYTV, the young physicians would host a one hour special "Health Matters Live Line" on January 16, 1992.

The Society's next meeting for the installation of Council was scheduled for January 21, 1992, at the Youngstown Club. □



Dr. K. Camp, Dr. R. Reed, Dr. G. DeCicco



Dr. E. McNeal, Dr. G. DeCicco

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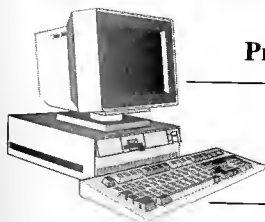
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Society Bestows Distinguished Physician Awards

The Society recently honored two exceptional and dedicated physicians as *Distinguished Physicians of the Year* at the Society's Annual Meeting in December. Honored were Dr. Angelo Riberi, a cardiovascular surgeon and internationally recognized medical educator, and the late Dr. Charles Waltner, a learned and gifted clinician, who was honored posthumously.

Both physicians began their medical training in their respective homelands before emigrating to the United States, where they made the study and practice of medicine a lifetime work in progress.

Dr. Angelo Riberi was born in Carmagnola, Italy, in 1925. His medical education was truly international in scope. After graduating from medical school in Turin, Italy, he completed a surgical residency at the University of Turin in 1951. That same year, he accepted a thoracic surgery residency at the University of Stockholm, followed by a thoracic and cardiovascular residency at the University of Paris.

Dr. Riberi came to the United States in 1953 to pursue a three year cardiovascular fellowship at Indiana University Medical School. Another three year fellowship in general surgery followed at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center. In 1961, he completed a final cardiovascular fellowship at St. Louis University and joined the active staff of St. Elizabeth.

Dr. Riberi joined the staff of NEOUCOM in 1982 as a professor of surgery. That same year, he was also elected president of the Eastern Ohio Chapter American Heart Association.

Dr. Riberi is the author of 69 papers and 14 surgical films. He has made presentations at many national and international

conferences and meetings. In 1988, Dr. Riberi's video presentation, a "New Technique in Carotid Artery Reconstruction," was translated into seven languages for the International Meeting of Surgery in Milan, Italy.

Besides his active involvement in our Medical Society, Dr. Riberi is an active member of the North American Chapter of Cardiovascular Surgeons and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Dan Garritano, who nominated Dr. Riberi for this special honor, noted that Dr. Riberi "was a teacher with great knowledge and experience. . . . This is a man who truly loves medicine and surgery. . . ."

Noted psychiatrist and internist Dr. Charles Waltner was honored posthumously for a lifetime of unassuming medical professionalism.

Dr. Waltner was born in Hungary in 1908 where he later graduated from the University of Budapest Medical School. After attending an international medical conference in 1935, he applied for a visa to the United States. This move proved prescient, for after Hitler invaded Hungary in 1939, Dr. Waltner was one of only a few Jews permitted to emigrate.

Although escaping a greater terror, new hardships awaited Dr. Waltner upon his arrival in New York City. For two years, he worked 24-hour shifts on city ambulances in order to practice in his chosen field. While working, Dr. Waltner completed postgraduate training in psychiatry and neurology at Columbia University. After completing an internship in Canton, Ohio, he became a staff psychiatrist at Iowa State Hospital.

Dr. Waltner later moved to Cleveland, where he became clinical director of the Cleveland State Hospital and where he

joined the faculty of Case Western Reserve Medical School.

In 1946, Dr. Waltner assumed the post of superintendent and chief medical officer of Woodside Receiving Hospital in Youngstown, a position in which he distinguished himself for thirty years. During his long tenure, Dr. Waltner worked diligently to improve the hospital's professional and community image. Eventually, the Department of Internal Medicine at St. Elizabeth recognized Dr. Waltner's achievements and began rotating residents in psychiatry through Woodside Hospital.

Although Dr. Waltner retired from Woodside in 1976, he remained an able and eager medical educator at St. Elizabeth,

and eventually at NEOUCOM.

An American citizen by choice, Dr. Waltner was proud "to pay taxes to support our country." His profound dedication to medicine can be summed up by this family recollection. "He had a sincere interest in others....He felt that to help others gave the greatest meaning to life."

Dr. Carl Ansevin nominated Dr. Waltner for the Society award, and Dr. Louis Bloomberg accepted the plaque on behalf of Dr. Waltner's family.

Both Dr. Riberi and Dr. Waltner epitomize the best virtues of American medicine, and both are deserving of our Society's special recognition as distinguished physicians. □



Dr. B. Gordon, Dr. A. Riberi, Dr. D. Garritano



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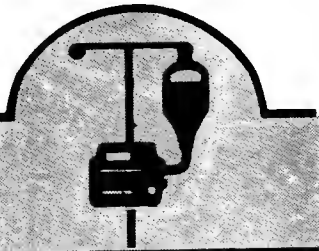
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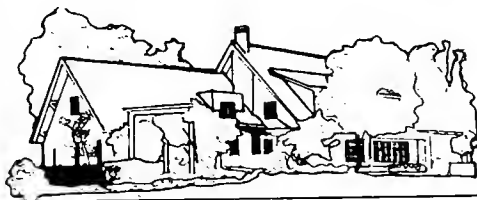
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In the News

Dr. Morris Rosenblum was recently awarded the title of trustee emeritus by the Youngstown YMCA. Dr. Rosenblum was honored for his 22 years of service as a board member and for his 50 years of volunteer work as an active membership campaigner.

Dr. Richard Gentile has earned his M.B.A. degree, graduating this January from YSU's Warren P. Williamson School of Business.

Accolades

Two Auxiliary members were honored recently at the YWCA's 14th Annual Woman of the Year Banquet. Mrs. Dolly Handel, the wife of Dr. Daniel Handel, received the 1991 Woman of the Year Award in the health volunteer category. Mrs. Handel has been active in area schools and the community promoting healthy lifestyles for children and adults.

Mrs. Florence Wang, the wife of Dr. Hai Shiuh Wang, received the 1991 YWCA Board of Trustees Award for her outstanding service as a board member.

Both honorees are to be congratulated.

Risk Prevention Skills Workshop

PICO will hold a Risk Prevention Skills Workshop at the Wick-Pollock Inn in Youngstown on Wednesday, March 25, 1992. The workshop is open to all physicians and to their office assistants. Physicians are eligible for 8 hours of CME credits from the OSMA. For more information, contact the Gluck Agency, 2901 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio, 44507 — phone no. (216) 788-6577.

Mail Call

All society members will soon receive a mailed brochure with information on the Annual Medical Update and Review of Practice Management Conference. The four day program is sponsored by the Academy of Medicine of Columbus and Franklin County. The conference will be held May 8 – 12, 1992, at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. For more details, call the Academy at (614) 766-6221. □

January Meeting

Society Installs First Female President

The Mahoning County Medical Society met on January 21, 1992, at the Youngstown Club. The 1992 Council was installed, including Dr. Jane Butterworth, who became the first woman president to head the Society in its 120 year history. Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Butterworth has been the director of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the Western Reserve Care System for nine years. Immediate Past President Dr. James Lambert conducted the meeting in the absence of the outgoing president Dr. Brian Gordon.

The membership observed a moment of silence for those members who passed away in 1991: Drs. L. Harichand; J. Hyland; P. Mahar, Sr.; W. McElroy; J. Noll; C. Stertzbach; and C. Waltner.

Dr. Lambert recognized the past presidents of the Society in attendance: Drs. J. Anderson, R. Barton, G. Baumbblatt, J. Dallas, G. DeCicco, R. Jenkins, J. Lambert, R. Memo, F. Resch, J. Schreiber, H. Wang, and K. Wieneke.

Dr. Lambert then acknowledged the past presidents of the Auxiliary who were present: Mrs. Mary Ann Anderson, Mrs. Frances Barton, and Mrs. Florence Wang.

Dr. Lambert also presented the outgoing members of Council to the membership: Drs. E. Angtuaco, J. Babyak, K. Carter, R. Gentile, M. Guthikonda, and B. Rothschild.

The Society presented a bound volume of the 1991 *Bulletin* to retiring editor Dr. Bruce Rothschild. Dr. Robert Fisher, contributor of the "From the Bulletin" column, and historian Dr. John Melnick were unable to attend and will receive their bound *Bulletins* at a later date.

Mrs. Jeannine Lambert, cover art contributor, and volunteer photographers

Dr. Robert and Mary Jane Jenkins received gifts of crystal with their books.

Dr. James Anderson installed the following members:

Officers:

President Dr. J. Butterworth
 President-elect Dr. E. Svenson
 Secretary Dr. D. Goldsmith
 Treasurer Dr. D. Chung
 Immediate Past President .. Dr. B. Gordon

Delegates:

Dr. J. Anderson
 Dr. B. Gordon
 Dr. J. Lambert
 Dr. L. Slusher
 Dr. H. Wang
 Dr. K. Wieneke

Aternate Delegates:

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Following the installation, Dr. Lambert presented the engraved president's gavel, made by Dr. James Anderson, to the new president Dr. Jane Butterworth. Dr.

Butterworth, in turn, presented the customary president's plaque, pin and bound *Bulletin* to Dr. Lambert who accepted for retiring president Dr. Brian Gordon.

After Dr. Lambert's comments, Dr. Butterworth presented Auxiliary President Mrs. Pauline Sarantopoulos, who discussed

Auxiliary concerns.

The membership approved a date change for the March meeting. The joint Society and Auxiliary dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 1992, at St. John's Greek Orthodox Church. □



Dr. J. Lambert, Dr. J. Butterworth



Mrs. P. Sarantopoulos, Dr. C. Sarantopoulos



1992 Council



Dr. B. Rothschild

Family Medicine Clerkship Emphasizes Primary Care

A Family Medicine Clerkship, designed to introduce medical students to the basic knowledge, attitudes and skills of family medicine, community medicine and primary care, has been added to the NEOUCOM Year V curriculum.

"The clerkship will complement the Primary Care Preceptorship, not duplicate it. It will be a foundation to make the preceptorship more meaningful," said Robert McArtor, M.D., M.P.H., professor and chairman, Department of Family Medicine.

"The message from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) is getting louder. To restore balance in the educational system, they are encouraging more experiences in primary care and ambulatory care," McArtor said.

In the past 20 years, hospital occupancy rates have dropped significantly, from 90 percent in 1970 to 65 percent in 1990, McArtor said. Length of stay in the hospital has also decreased, especially in persons over 65, from 13.5 days in 1970 to 8.7 days in 1990.

Currently, over 90 percent of medical services are received in ambulatory care centers. "The driving force behind the new clerkship is to increase the training our students receive in ambulatory care centers in primary care," said McArtor.

A planning committee of representatives from Family Medicine, Community Health Sciences, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, and Academic Affairs will make decisions about curriculum and evaluation tools and define content and experiences.

The course will utilize clinical faculty members based in family practice centers. The family practice centers also will serve as locations for small group seminars and

workshops.

"We expect the students will have a better understanding of ambulatory care centers and the health care services that are provided," McArtor said. "They will become aware of the challenges and opportunities that primary care physicians have and learn to appreciate preventive medicine and health promotion."

"We also hope that students receiving this kind of experience will give primary care a more favorable consideration in their career choice," McArtor added. "It is important for all medical students, regardless of eventual career choice, to understand and appreciate the principles of primary care as delivered in the ambulatory setting."

McArtor is playing a more active role on the Rootstown campus of NEOUCOM since he established a full-time office there in January 1991. "Family Medicine has grown to the point where it is necessary to have someone on campus. Family Medicine has a part in all four years of the curriculum," said Lura Pethtel, director of Academic Services.

With a \$300,000 grant recently awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services, McArtor and his staff are expanding other educational experiences in Family Medicine as well. More electives will be developed and a summer fellowship in problem-based learning is being offered.

"We first offered the fellowship in 1990 and had five students participate. It was so well-received that this year we have 18 students," said McArtor.

"With the changes that are taking place in medicine," McArtor said, "an increased emphasis on primary care is necessary to reflect the environment that our students will work in when they enter practice." □



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60 Years Ago — January 1932

The *Bulletin* observed its first anniversary. **J.L. Fisher** was still editor, but **E.R. Thomas** was made business manager. **A.E. Brant** was president with **J.P. Harvey** as vice-president. **William Skipp** was secretary, and **W.X. Taylor** was treasurer. **Dr. McClenahan** recommended that all mothers should have annual pelvic examinations. **Dr. Papanicolou** was yet to be heard from.

50 Years Ago — January 1942

The country was at war! Pearl Harbor was a great shock and the country was aroused. Every doctor under age 45 was ordered to volunteer for duty in the armed forces. President-elect **William H. Evans** served his term while in the navy. **George McKelvey** replaced **John Noll** who left to serve in the army. **Elmer Nagel** was re-elected as treasurer.

New members that month were **Milton M. Kendall**, **Edward R. Brody** and **John H. Thomas**.

40 Years Ago — January 1952

The new president was **Carl A. Gustafson**. **Vernon Goodwin** was vice-president; **G.E. DeCicco** was secretary; and **A.K. Phillips** was treasurer.

The meeting place was changed from the Elks Club to the ballroom of the Pick-Ohio Hotel. New members were **Robert L. Tornello**, **Robert A. Brown** and **Leon Bernstein**.

30 Years Ago — January 1962

The *Bulletin* was sporting a new cover, designed by **Ben Berg**. It depicted, in silhouette, a doctor in a horse and buggy, racing a stork bringing a bundled newborn infant. This year the new president was **Charles Stertzbach**, with **Asher Randall**

as president-elect. **C.E. Pichette** was secretary; **H.P. McGregor** was treasurer; and **Ben Berg** was editor of the *Bulletin*.

Kurt Wegner was called back into action, and he made the MCMS the first in the USA to conduct a mass immunization against polio, using the new oral Sabin polio vaccine. There were 134,761 persons immunized.

There were twelve new members that month. They were **J.E. Might**, **R.A. Hernandez**, **Joseph Mersol**, **W.J. Cleary**, **P.E. Longaker**, **J.S. Bates**, **R.J. Bricker**, **J.J. Anderson**, **H.P. Bauer**, **W.B. Dodgson**, **Engelbert Hecker** and **Nicholas Kastellorios**.

20 Years Ago — January 1972

The Centennial year had arrived! The new president was **Henry Holden**. President-elect was **C. Edward Pichette** with **George Dietz** as secretary and **Kenneth Lloyd** as treasurer. New editor of the *Bulletin* was our resident historian, **John Melnick**.

Mrs. Henry Holden won the design contest for a logo for the Centennial year, and it became the frontispiece of the *Bulletin* for the entire year.

New members that year were **R.A. Bacani**, **Ben C. Bonarigo**, **Y.T. Chiu**, **C.A. Crans**, **Paul and Marie Krupko** and **M.F. Sheridan**.

10 Years Ago — January 1982

Robert Kiskaddon was the new president, with **Paul Mahar** as president-elect. **H.M. Wang** was secretary and **A.Z. Rabinowitz** the new treasurer. There were 308 active members and 44 associate members. New members were **William H. Bunn, Jr.**, and **Brian S. Gordon**. New associate members were **Jerome Hightower** and **William B. Rich**. **H. Bryan Hutt** passed away in Chapel Hill, N.C., at the age of 68. □



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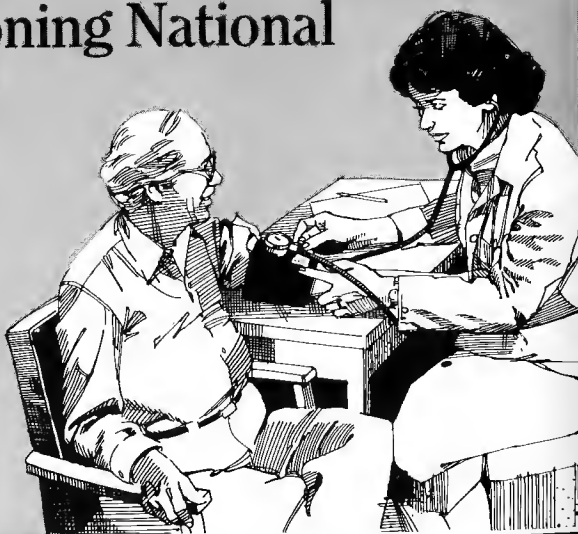
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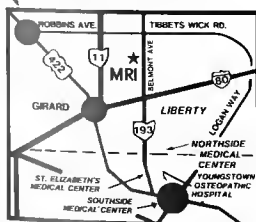
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Like a previously mentioned artist, James Weirline, G. Harvey has a passion for historical accuracy and portrayal. Before Harvey begins sketching for a work, he spends a great deal of time researching the period, setting, and details. Unlike Weirline's watercolors, Harvey's oils have a harsher, rougher feel to the overall effect. It isn't the medium that creates that difference as much as the character of the artist painting. While detail is abundant, the works still have an impressionistic, dream-like quality to them. Presently residing in Fredericksburg, Texas, Harvey's studio is filled with antiques, rare books and old photos which he uses for references.

Harvey's featured selection, "The Hope of the Confederacy," is the third image in a series of four specially commissioned Civil War paintings requested by the National Archives in Washington, D.C. In preparation for this series, Harvey was given access to rare material in the Archives, a privilege given to only a very few serious researchers. He studied photos, daily accounts, and personal letters. The hopes and fears of individual soldiers overcame Harvey's image of the battle scenes and death fields, and he proceeded to create four separate parts of the war in the reflective periods between battles. Limited edition prints of these paintings are currently being made available to the public.

G. Harvey currently has an exhibition of 30 paintings at the Smithsonian's Na-

tional Museum of Natural History as part of the "Seeds of Change" exhibition commemorating the Columbus Quin-centenary. Harvey is also busy working on two major exhibitions in the Soviet Union and is also creating a "Christmas 2000" limited edition print series with one image annually of the Christmas season. His works are collected all over the world. Recently the Headliners Club bestowed its prestigious "Headliner of the Year" award to him.

G. Harvey's work may be viewed at the Frame Village in Canfield. □

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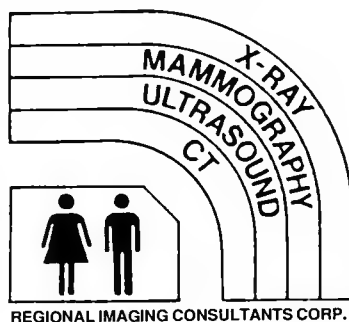
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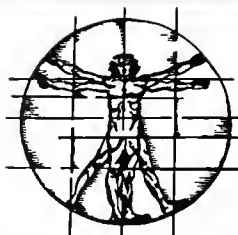
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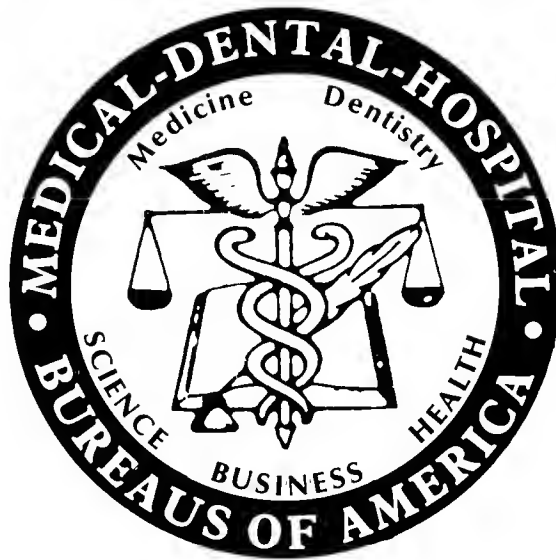
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